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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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## **Eight New Cases of West Nile Virus Found In Horses**

(Phoenix, AZ) -- Eight new cases of West Nile Virus have been discovered in Maricopa, Pinal, Yavapai and Pima counties in Arizona, bringing this year's total to 29, to date. Last year, the final case came through the first week of November, bringing last year's total to 109 cases in 11 counties.

The following is a list of cases so far this year, with the first case appearing on April 20, 2005.

- Maricopa County      10      (2 are new)
- Apache County      2
- Yavapai County      6      (3 are new)
- Pinal County      5      (1 is new)
- Pima County      4      (2 are new)
- Navajo County      2

West Nile Virus affects horses much more often than any other domestic animal. Many horses infected with West Nile Virus do not develop any illness, but of horses that become ill about one-third die or need to be euthanized. In general, other livestock and poultry do not show any illness if infected with West Nile Virus.

For all previous press releases pertaining to West Nile in horses, visit [azda.gov/Main/pressReleases](http://azda.gov/Main/pressReleases). For more information about West Nile in horses, visit [azda.gov/Main/wnv](http://azda.gov/Main/wnv).

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